

## UNITED CRUSADE



The fourth annual plaque awarded the MEDCO plywood plant for their support of the United Medford Crusade is being put in place with those earned from previous years by Joe Germain (R) and Ted Boren (L).

You probably have never given a second thought to what your contribution is doing for little children, old persons and others who receive aid from the various agencies of the United Fund Drive. But if you ever have occasion to actually see your dollars in action . . . you will realize how vital this is to your community. Those who have seen the work done through U.M.C. aid say it is something they will never forget and they are well repaid for the small amount contributed. Thanks a million from a lot of grateful people.

## ECONOMIC POINT

Some of you may be interested to know what part your company plays in the economic picture of the community and how we rate in the production of lumber and plywood.

Recent estimates for the year 1965 show that your company expects to ship 1,750 carloads of lumber, 1,740 carloads of plywood and we will be shipping an estimated 1,730 carloads of chips.

This total of 5,220 carloads will represent approximately twenty (20%) percent of the total forest products carloadings in the Medford-White City-Ashland area.

## NEW AT MEDCO

Paul Preppernau has recently joined the Medford Corporation as plant engineer and will be working with Jack Hansen.

Paul is a graduate from Oregon State in production engineering and comes to us with a wealth of experience in the manufacture of forest products. He has served in plywood, lumber, plant maintenance and safety departments of some large plants of the forest industry.

Paul is married and will be moving his wife, Carolyn, and their sons, Bryan and Barry, to Medford in the



near future.

Paul lists his hobbies as woodworking (what a hobby for a lumberman), fishing and hunting. He is very happy to live in the Rogue Valley and looks forward to becoming better acquainted with MEDCO and this area.

## LETTER THANKS WORKERS

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To the Editor: Would appreciate your finding space to print the following.

There is an old saying, "Time heals all wounds" and I might add that while a person is laid up with an injury and cannot get around, he has lots of time to think.

Therefore, and with sincere gratification I would like to convey my thoughts these past two weeks through this letter, hoping in some small way to thank all concerned.

First and foremost, to the Medford Corporation — Thank You for the privilege of being employed by folks who have the foresight to provide industrial insurance which immediately protects the employees while in the hospital and provides compensation afterwards.

Second, to a wonderful person, Chan Drew, Safety Director who not only puts a man's mind at ease regarding bills etc., but also helps matters by clearly explaining all details to the person involved.

Third, a special thanks to a real swell guy, Bill Gates who having troubles of his own and was working nights and weekends to get a Northwest rig back in shape still found time evenings and on Sunday to visit and add a little cheer to a guy in the hospital.

Fourth, and by no means last, thanks to two real swell co-workers, scalers Earl and Ron Remsen . . . Bob Mullins, truck driver who not only took time to visit but brought along a wonderful family. And finally, thanks to Bob Reynolds who not only took time to visit at the hospital but offered a wheelchair which comes in mighty handy in getting around at home.

In closing, I do want one and all to know that their efforts, visits, etc. did give moral support and I truly appreciate it. Thank you all.

Yours sincerely,  
Art E. Hume  
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Trail, Oregon



## FINISHING AND CARLOADING OPERATIONS

When our product goes on the market, it is dependent largely on the final appearance from the patchers and finishers. If it is rough and the appeal to the customer is lost then we all suffer. After all . . . if we do not look good in the customer's eyes then our product doesn't sell and you know the answer.

On the day shift we have Bud Goff operating the big patching machine behind the automatic sander shown in previous issue. His job is taken over by William Smail for the swing shift. The panels from this operation are sent to another part of the patch line operated by Martin Johnson on the day shift and Don Lucier on the swing shift.

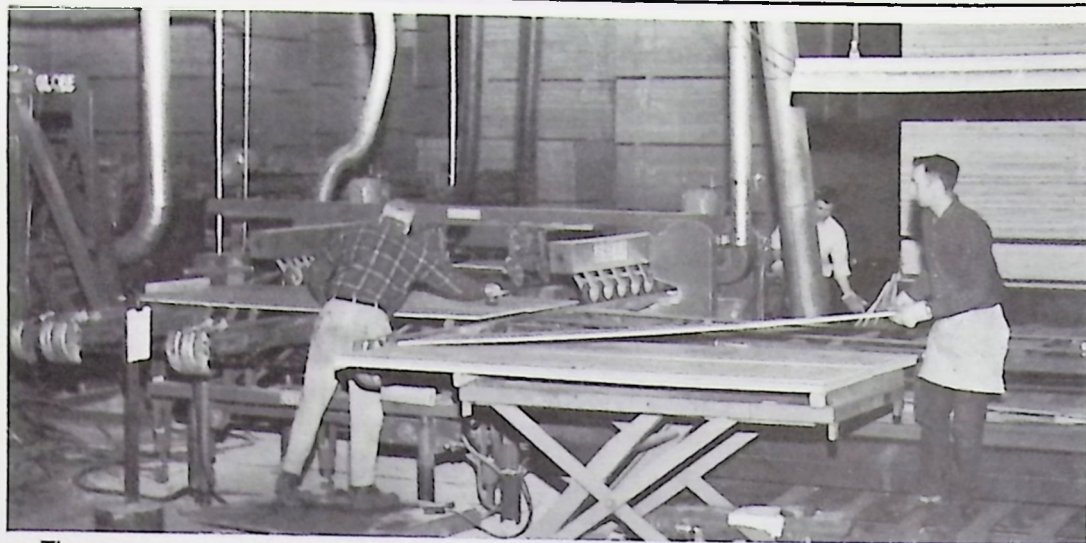
Near this machine is another part of the patching operation done by Don Scherubel on the day shift and Ben Yoder doing the swing shift duties. And next is the fix patcher which is operated by Marion Warren on days, Frank DeCosta on swing and Lynn Stanger on the graveyard shift. On the belt sander is Perry Regan for the day shift, Owen Womack handling swing and Wayne Bunch on graveyard.

Russ Harlacher and Don Gay operate the specialty saw which cuts panels to unusual sizes, textures panels and does many other special order jobs. They are often assisted by men from other jobs when necessary. This machine operates only days normally.

In the carloading department Don Smith is the foreman with James Jacob serving as assistant foreman. Checking cars on the day shift is George Smith and Nolan Clark. Leon Reisinger is the swing shift car checker and Chuck Burgess is the warehouse floorman on swing shift.

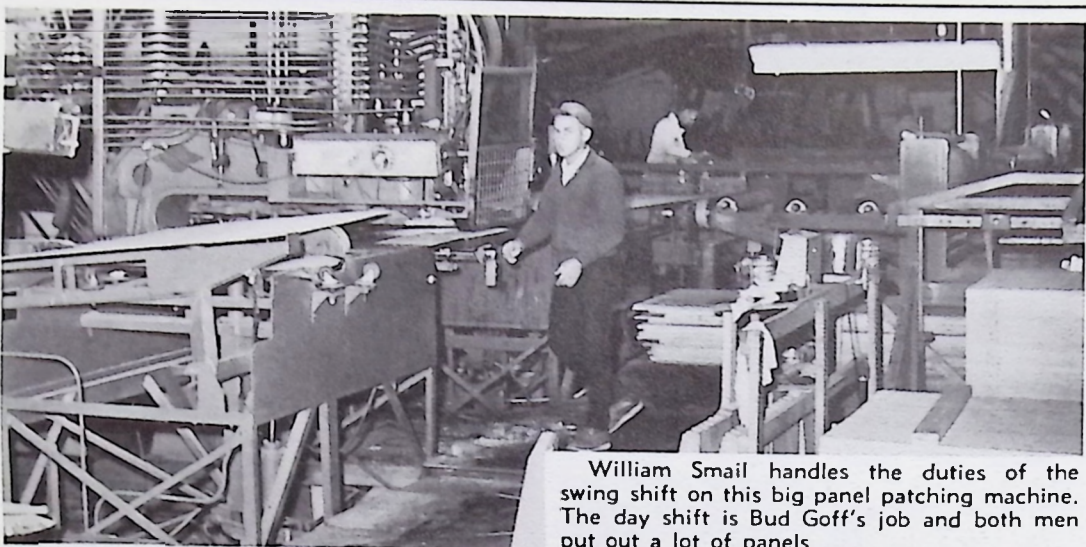
Sam Baily and Norm Peterson are warehouse floormen on the day shift and Dale Cook is day shift carloader along with Earl Emery. Carloader on the swing shift is Gene Rotan and Rick Hogue is day shift puttyman but doubles as Hyster driver much of the time.

Mary had a little lime  
And quite a lot of gin,  
And everywhere that Mary went  
She didn't know she'd been!

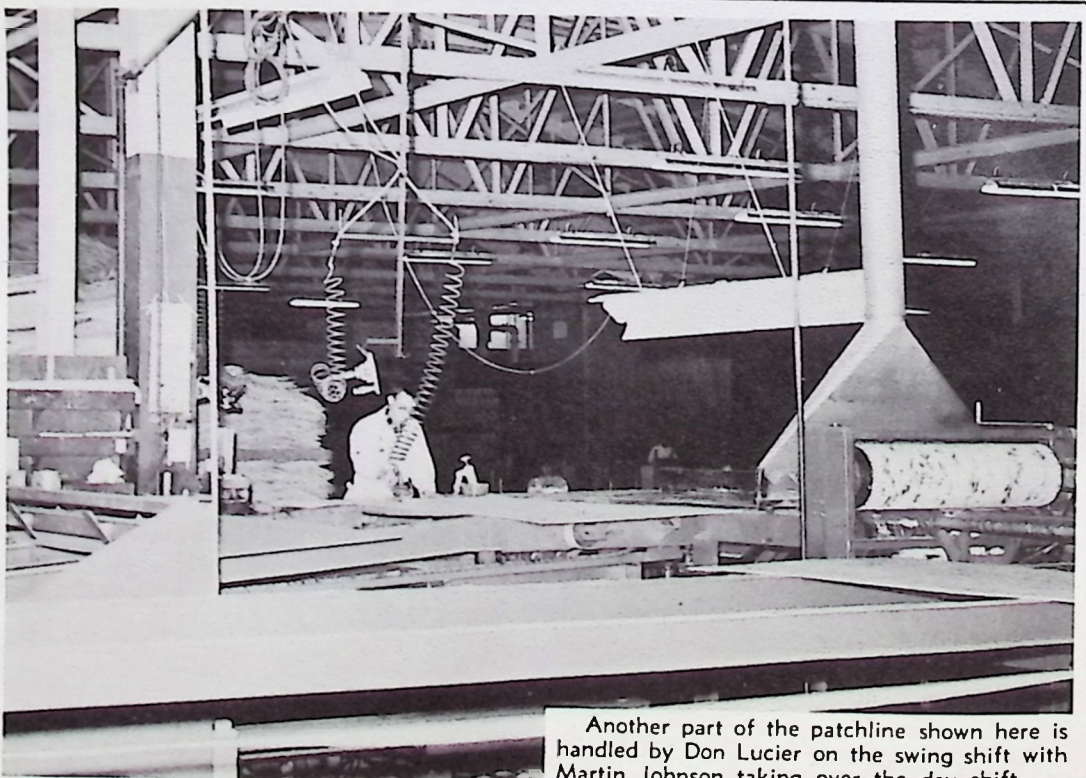


These men were cutting panels to be used in the manufacture of fruit boxes for pickers. This machine is also used to make the textured panels and other specialty items. Russ Harlacher

is shown with his back to the camera, Don Sherubel is feeding the panels and Don Gay is in the background stacking panels.

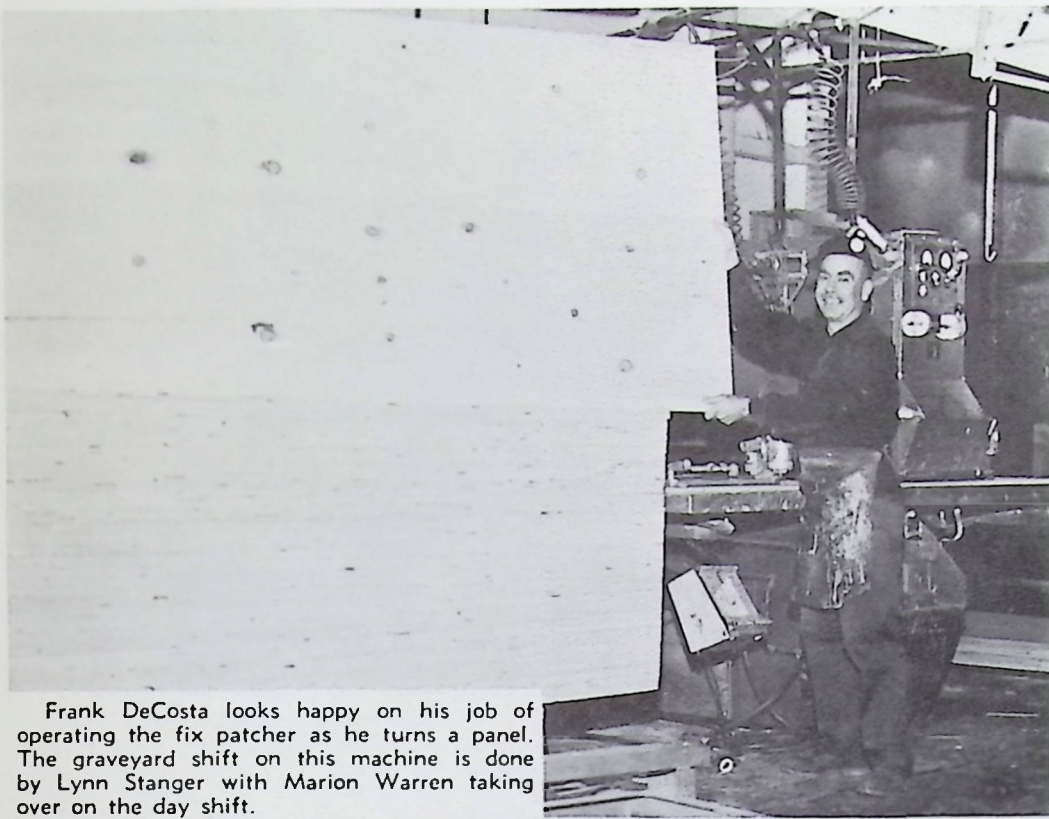


William Smail handles the duties of the swing shift on this big panel patching machine. The day shift is Bud Goff's job and both men put out a lot of panels.

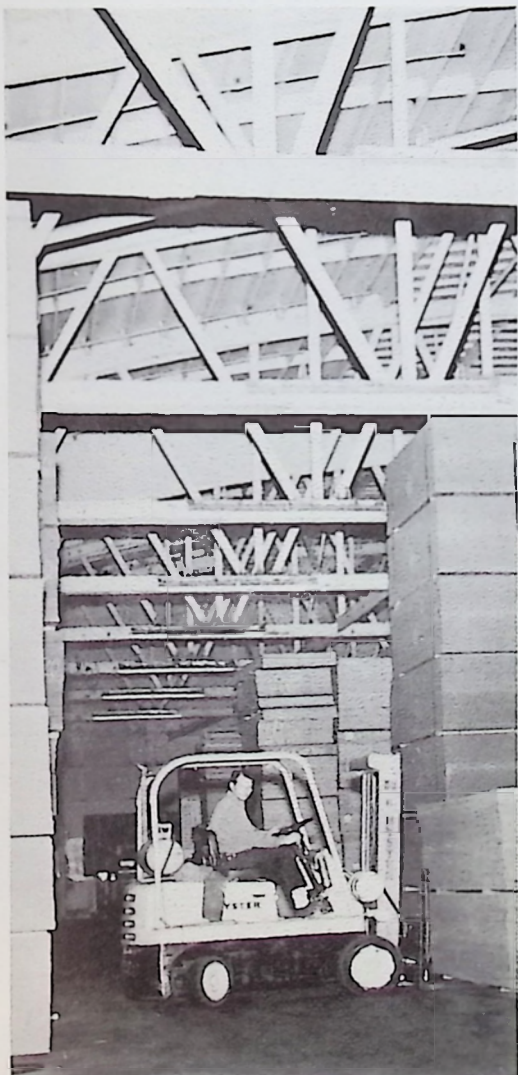


Another part of the patchline shown here is handled by Don Lucier on the swing shift with Martin Johnson taking over the day shift.





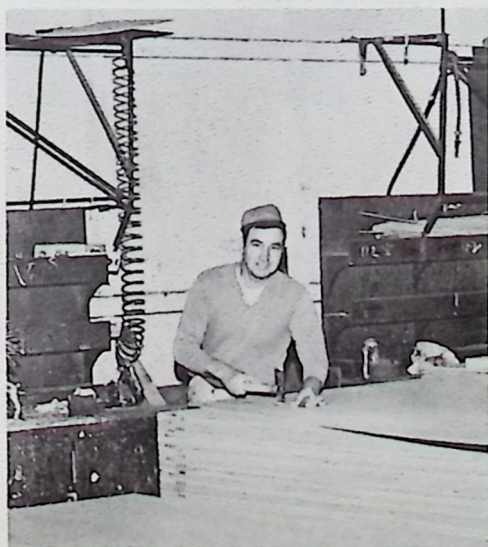
Frank DeCosta looks happy on his job of operating the fix patcher as he turns a panel. The graveyard shift on this machine is done by Lynn Stanger with Marion Warren taking over on the day shift.



Nolan Clark is filling in on a fork lift in the carloading but he is usually checking cars on the day shift.



Owen Womack is shown operating the belt sander on the swing shift. Another picture in this issue shows the day man and lists the graveyard operator.



Panel patching on this stand is done by Ben Yoder on the swing shift (pic) and the day shift is in the hands of Don Sherubel.

## KITCHEN KORNER

Our recipe this month comes from Kathy Merz and sounds delicious. We need more recipes, girls . . . come on, get busy.

### Sweet and Sour Spareribs

Sauce:

- ½ cup meat juice
- ½ cup pineapple juice
- ½ cup vinegar
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 2½ T. cornstarch

Set oven at 400 degrees.

Cook spareribs until tender (pressure cooker). Place in casserole in oven for 10 min. Then add 1 or 2 green peppers, cut in chunks and one cup or more pineapple chunks. Return to oven for 10 min. Then add sweet and sour sauce and place in oven for 5 or 10 min. longer. Serve hot.

## YOUTH CORPS VISITS PLANT

On March 25th, the nineteen young men who were working in Jackson County in the recently created job-training program of the government visited the MEDCO plants.

They were accompanied by Mr. Jim Stupe, Owen Sullivan and Don Chase who were in charge of activities for the boys while in the area.

An interesting note from the tour was the intense interest shown by these young men in the plant, machinery and process of manufacture.



On the belt sander is Perry Regan handling the day shift and Wayne Bunch then does the graveyard duties.



## "SUPER SNOOPER"

This month we asked the question . . . "What employee benefit has been the most valuable or helpful to you or your family?"



**Chester Bowles - Planing Mill**

"The health and hospitalization insurance has proven most helpful to both myself and my family, especially when I had surgery on my hand. You don't realize what it is worth to you until you really need it . . . and ours is the best."



**Jake Walch - Mechanic**

"We have so many good things but the overall attitude of the company is best of all. The hospital coverage was excellent when I needed to use it."

## NEW BABY

We know of only one new arrival for this issue, perhaps our information sources are lacking or maybe it just happened that way.

Little Ronald Anthony Schaecher arrived on March 23 to make his home with Ronald and Lula Schaecher. The new arrival weighed in at a husky 8 lbs. 7 oz. and is the first child for the Schaechers.

Ronald received his discharge from the Marine Corps in May 1964 and joined MEDCO shortly after the new dryer was added.

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**Pat Malott - Shipping Dept.**

"So far it has been the vacation with pay, but it is very comforting to know that you and your family are protected by a good hospital insurance plan."



**Fay Stiehl - Shipping Dept.**

"The vacation with pay is very nice and we get more than most other company employees, but I think the year-round job security is most important."

## HERE & THERE

Everybody is very quiet and there seems to have been nothing at all happen recently . . . we strongly suspect that most of the fellows are on their good behavior because the opening of the fishing season is so near. Stopped in to see Dusty Hannen . . . he has a new hat of the stretch variety and says it will fit round heads, square heads and even Irish heads. However he says he will not let Bob Higgins wear it but we won't give his reason here.

Anton Bjorne indicated he might know something of interest but he won't talk about it . . . pretty sneaky wouldn't you say?

We have it on good authority that Roger Perreard has been losing a lot of sleep recently . . . claims to have been working puzzles.

We talked to Lloyd Smith who has returned home after the surgery on his back which was mentioned in a previous issue. He says he is getting along fine but it is a rather slow process. Lloyd says he hopes to be

able to have somebody get him to a fishing hole when the season opens and be back to work as soon as the doctor will let him.

We hear Sven "Sandy" Sandberg is planning a trip to Sweden this summer to visit relatives. Wouldn't you like to take the editor along?

We hear Frank Douglas bought a new car the other day but so far he has never been able to drive it . . . his wife won't let him take it out of the garage . . . in fact he claims he doesn't even know exactly what color it is since he hasn't seen it in the daylight yet.

Our girl on the reception desk in the office, Delores Meyer, has a starry-eyed look which can only mean one thing . . . that wedding day is growing closer and closer.



"From birth to age 18, a girl needs good parents. From 18 to 35, she needs good looks. From 35 to 55, a woman needs personality, and from then on, the old lady needs cash."